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Present plans call for Ambassador assuming residual AID responsibilities after June 30, 1964. Although AID program and personnel will rapidly dwindle, liaison with 25 contract advisers assigned to Ministries and above all provision of high level economic advice to GOL on Libyan development program will remain important responsibilities. Director MacPhail leaving in May and Embassy Senior Economic Officer due depart in October.

There is no certainty that Libyan Government will accept US advice on how Libya should spend own money but able, mature, experienced economist with background development programs should be able make influence felt among policy making officials. This will be continuing Embassy responsibility and all more important with disappearance AID mission. Request Department give careful thought to best method assisting Embassy fulfill this continuing responsibility.

When Governor Harriman here we mentioned hope AID liaison officer be person high qualifications. This fine if he really first class man.

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man, prepared stay full tour and act as Senior Economic Advisor in Embassy with responsibility over reporting and economic work. Haring's replacement could then be FSO 4 or 5. If USAID not furnishing this economic counselor for dual job, then I believe Department should find qualified FSO 2 for this role and assign as Haring's replacement. He should arrive by July at latest. New position for economic officer FSO 4 or 5 should also be authorized. Alternatively Department could make Haring economic counselor with added role AID liaison officer, extend his tour until mid-1965 and authorize Embassy new position economic officer FSO 4 or 5.

Perhaps there are other alternatives but I hope Department agrees main promise that we need absolutely first class man here if we are to have any chance assisting GOL development. We do not want senior dead wood or officer too young for most important job dealing with cabinet or sub-cabinet officials. Urge this problem be given priority attention.

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